The 1954 Skylark

Dear Helen,
O-o-o-h, Mi-s-s-s!
A-a-a-a-h! (sigh!)
Li-i-i-i-ke!
Le-e-e-e-e!
Wh-a-a-a-t!
Love,
Ted Lewis (alias)
Mac Lewis

Deborah Finch

Debbie: Always remember our good times, especially at the "New Year's Eve Party." "Always remember "Orry" - Best Wishes to one of the sweetest for you deserve the best! "Shirley" "Oscar" "Kid"

Luck always
to a swell girl.
Barbara

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Published By

The Senior Class

of

VALLEY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Skyland, North Carolina

1954

Mary Jane Moorhead . . . . . Editor
Clark Brown . . . Business Manager
Mrs. Frances P. Gahrman . Advisor
Mrs. W. W. Baldwin . . . . . Advisor

Foreword

We, the senior class, take this opportunity to say "so long" to all our friends, including the teachers and underclassmen, and our unending memories here. You know it will not be good-bye-- at least not for good. We will always be back if only in our memories. Every senior has taken something away with him-- something he will always remember-- something that a freshman couldn't take, if he left in his first year of high school. We also will take that little something. . . . . .

We have strived to set an example for those under us. Though sometimes we failed, we have only done our best. To accomplish a standard education has been our goal. Of course, our studies were always mixed with wit and laughs-- the process used to change the subject. Anyway, we have enjoyed our years here, but we would like to leave a hint for all you underclassmen. Many students say if I could graduate today I would do this. . . or that . . . But no matter who you are, when graduation comes up, you won't want to leave.

Make the best of your four years! You'll never be able to make them up. Study your best, have fun, but most of all remember through our book your old alma mater.

We, the senior class of 1954, wish to dedicate this edition of "The Skylark" to a teacher who is not only a leader of the boys, but a friend to every student. We are indebted to him and his classes for the improvements made on our campus. We all admire his skill and patience and are benefited by his steady and pleasant character. For these fine qualities, which are but a few of those he possesses, and because of our respect and affection for him, we wish to dedicate our annual to our Vocational Agriculture teacher, Mr. M. E. Nesbitt.

We Pay Tribute

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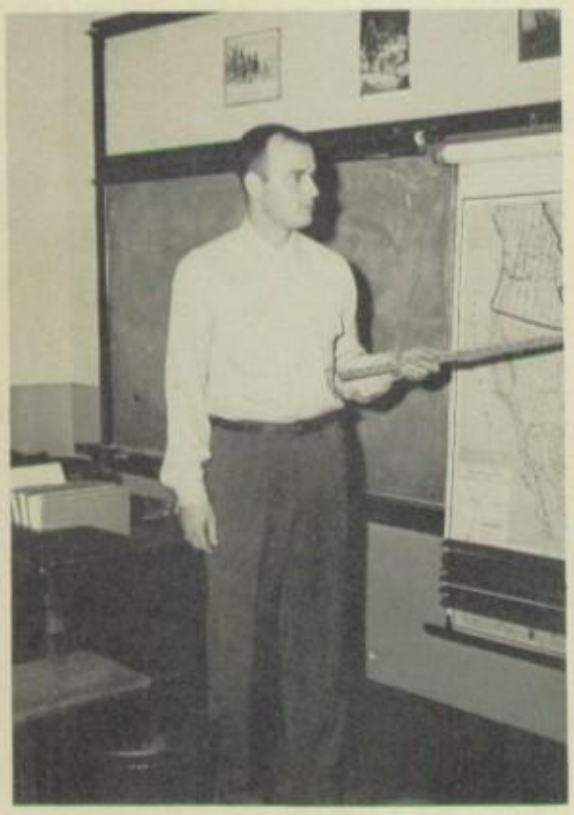

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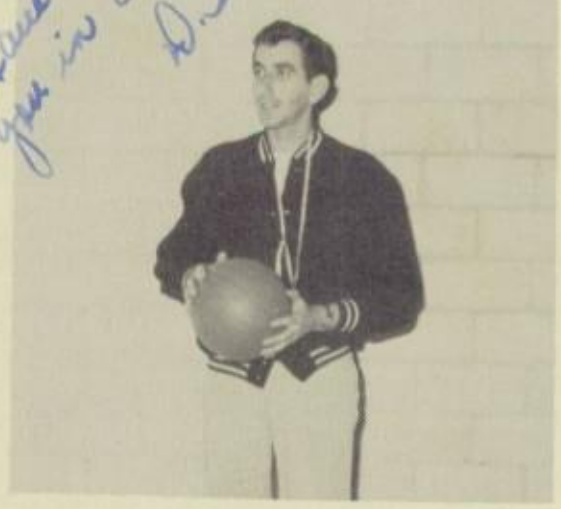

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Left to Right: Charles Bowles, Treasurer; Max Smith, Secretary; Clark Brown, President; Vance Hawes, Vice President.

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

MOTTO

"Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good."

COLORS

Blue and White

FLOWER

Yellow Rose

MASCOTS

STEPHEN EUGENE CLARK
Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clark of
Skyland, North Carolina

Donna Kay Rhodes
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rhodes
Skyland, North Carolina

CLASS HISTORY

The year was nineteen hundred forty-two, a memorable year for all of the dignified seniors who are about to take the long step from high school into the big, wide world. Among the students sitting in the first grade class room that year were Patsy Williams, Joyce Wilkie, Gladys Ray, Kaye Gasperson, Christine McDonald, Sibyl Ledbetter, Betty Lou Lance, Billie Sue Hollifield, Truette Gasperson, Mary Anne Elingburg, Charles Bowles, Bill Corn, Jack Creasman, William Presley, and Ralph Presley.

They were one big happy family up to the second grade when Kaye Gasperson left and they were one less, but only for a while, for along about this time came Arville Bishop and Adelaide Souther. No more damage was done this year, but in the third grade Kaye Gasperson was back again.

Everything went along smoothly then until the fourth grade when Kaye left. (Boy, did that girl travel.)

Then the fifth grade rolled around. Marguerite Thain arrived and her pleasing quiet ways clashed with the noise of the other "little darlings" and was a welcomed change to the teachers.

Along came the sixth grade and the teachers were tempted to go home and not come back for Orves Young appeared on the scene. Poor teachers! And on top of that, Lois Lefler showed up in the seventh grade. During the next year the eighth grade teachers had the shock of their lives in the form of Mary Jane Moorhead, Vance Hawes, and Kenneth McBee.

Everyone was just getting over this when Estie Worley, Clark Brown, and Max Smith put in their appearance the freshman year of high school. (After all, everybody gets to high school after so long a time. Even seniors have to be freshmen first.)

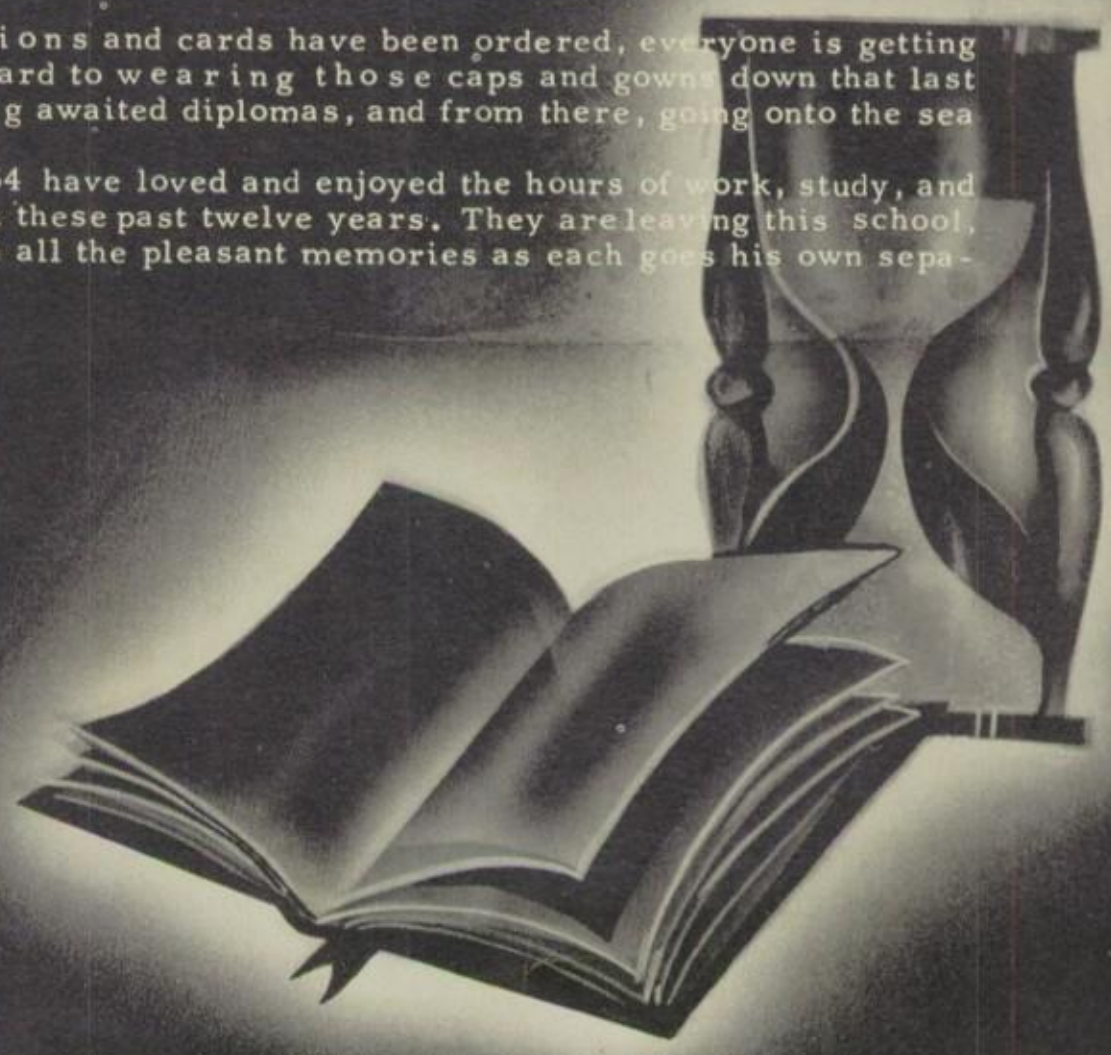
Well, in the sophomore year, Boyce Meece graced the V. S. H. S. campus with his handsome face, and that rambling gal, Kaye Gasperson, came back to dear old Valley Springs School and believe it or not, this time she stayed!

Then came the eleventh grade with no newcomers and the most looked forward to the Junior-Senior Banquet. This was an occasion to be remembered. The boys all decked out in their well-creased pants and the girls in their new formals looked entirely different to the faculty who had gazed upon blue-jeans and bobby socks for such a long time.

Everything remained peaceful until the senior year. Then it was everyone for himself. But, truthfully, everyone settled down for hard work and the annual, the newspaper, senior play, and other things have kept everyone pretty busy. The senior class is represented by six members of the basketball teams, two members of the cheerleading squad, and five members of the student patrol.

Now that invitations and cards have been ordered, everyone is getting ready and looking forward to wearing those caps and gowns down that last long aisle to those long awaited diplomas, and from there, going onto the sea of life.

The seniors of 1954 have loved and enjoyed the hours of work, study, and play they have known in these past twelve years. They are leaving this school, but they take with them all the pleasant memories as each goes his own separate way.



SENIORS 1954

ARVILLE PATRICIA BISHOP
"J'arville"
"She believed in herself, believed in the things she meant to do, and was proud of it."
F. H. A. 1, 2- Song Leader; Skylark Staff 3- Junior Ed., 4- Ass. Ed.; Highlight Staff 3- Junior Reporter; French Club 3- Vice Pres. 4-H Club 1- Treas., 2, 3- Vice Pres.; 4-H Craft Winner 3, Home Beautification Winner 1, 2, Swimming Award 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3- Treas. 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Vice Pres. 1; Freshman Rep. 1; Banquet Committee 3, Speaker 3, Waitress 2; Marshal 3; Square Dance Team 2, 3, 4; Fair Marshal 1, 2, 3, 4, Committee 4; M. Y. F. 1- Sec., 2- Vice Pres.; Most Dependable 4; Dramatics 4.

CHARLES HILLIARD BOWLES
"Pootie"
"He was happy to be around and liked to make other people glad of it, too."
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 4; Class Officer 3, 4; Best Personality, Most Talkative, Friendliest 4.

THOMAS CLARK BROWN
"Big 'Un"
"His life is gentle and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world "This is a man."
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3, 4; Skylark Business Mgr. 4; Highlight Circulation Mgr. 4; Glee Club 4; Class Officer 3, 4; Banquet Committee 3, Speaker 3; Marshal 3, Most Popular, Most Likely to Succeed 4; Dramatics 4.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON CORN, JR.
"Corny"
"He was truly a gentleman-- a man who could disagree without being disagreeable."
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, Vice Pres. 4; Skylight Staff 4; Glee Club 4; Basketball 4; Baseball 4; Band 1; Square Dance Team 3, 4; Most Dependable, Cutest Couple 4; Dramatics Club 4.

JACK TILMAN CREASMAN
"Jackson"
"Tis always morning somewhere in the world."
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 4; Student Patrol 1, 3; Bus Driver 4; Banquet Committee 3; Most Helpful, Best Sport, 4; Dramatics 4; Square Dance Team 2, 3, 4.

MARY ANNE ELINGBURG
"Mury"
"There is no cosmetic for beauty like happiness."
F. H. A. Queen 1, 2; Highlight Staff 3, Society Editor 4; Shorthand Club 4; French Club 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Banquet Waitress 3; Chief Marshal 3; Square Dance Team 1, 2, 3, 4; May Queen 1; Prettiest 4; Dramatics Club 4.

TRUETTE MARIE GASPERSON
"Tootsy"
"Her ways are ways of pleasantness; her paths are peace."
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Shorthand Club 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Patrol 2, 3; Talent Show 2; Fair Committee Guide 4; Best Sport 4; Dramatics 4.

SENIORS 1954

Kaye Gasperson

MARLYNE KAYE GASPERSON
"Rose"
"Individual character-- hope of society."
FHA 1, 2; Skylark Staff 4; Highlight Staff- Exchange Mgr. 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Cheerleader 3, 4; Class Officer 1, 2; Student Patrol 1, 2; Banquet Committee 3; Marshall 3; Hobby Club 1, 2; Student Nurse 1, 2; Tri Hi Y 1, 2; Frederick Sasscer High 1; Suitland High 2; Fair Committee 4; Volley Ball Team 1, 2; Nat'l. Honor Society 1, 2; Maryland Day Pageant 1, 2; Friendliest 4; Dramatics Club 4.

ZEBULON VANCE HAWES
"Zeb"
"Wit and wisdom are born with a man."
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Bus Driver 3, 4; Class Officer 4; Basketball Team 3; Wittiest 4; Dramatics Club 4.

BILLIE SUE HOLLIFIELD
"Sue"
"None but herself san be her parellel."
FHA Vice Pres. 2; Skylark Staff 1, 4; Highlight Staff- Sports Ed. 4, School News 2, School News Ed. 3; French Club 3; Glee Club 1, 2, Sec'y. 3, 4; Student Patrol 1, 2, Sec. 4; Banquet Committee 3, Waitress 2; Square Dance Team 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4, All Tourney 2, 3, Softball 1, 2, 3, 4, Talent Show 2; Minstrel Show 3; Christmas Play 3; History Debate 3; Octette 3; Most Athletic 4; Dramatic Club 4.

JEROME HERMAN ISRAEL
"'Her'-man"
"Every individual has a place to fill in this world and is important in some respect whether he chooses to be so or not."
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Most Versatile 4; Dramatics 4.

BETTY LOU LANCE
"Bet"
"True eloquence consist in saying all that is necessary and nothing but what is necessary."
Highlight Staff 2, 3, 4; Shorthand Club 4; Glee Club 2; Most Studious 4; Dramatics 4.

SIBYL ANN LEDBETTER
"Sis"
"Her youth, with fun and laughter, will not pass swiftly by."
FHA 1, 2; Highlight Staff 4; 4-H Club 1, Sec'y. 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; Student Patrol 2, 3, Vice Pres. 4; Banquet Waitress 2; Fair Marshall 2, 3, 4; MYF Sec'y. 1, Vice Pres. 2, 3, 4; Wittiest, Most Talkative 4; Dramatic Club 4.

KENNETH TED McBEE
"Mac"
"He seemed one of few words and high ideals."
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Most Bashful 4; Dramatics 4.

LOIS MASIE LEFLER

"She looks helpless enough to protect, courageous enough to admire, and pretty enough to adore."

FHA 1, 2; Highlight Staff 3 Typist, 4 Production Mgr.; Shorthand Club 4 President; French Club 3 Recreational Chairman; 4-H Club 1, 2, Sec'y.; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Marshal 3; Grange 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Talent Show 3; Fair Committee 4; Initiation Committee 3; Typing Award 3; Best-All-Around, Most Likely To Succeed 4; Dramatics Club 4.

JOHNCY CHRISTINE McDONALD

"Cricket"

"She walks in the light of good, pure, and fair."

Shorthand Club 4- Vice Pres.; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Basketball 3, 4; Softball; Student Patrol 3; Banquet Waitress 2, Committee 3; Fair Committee 4; Most Versatile 4; Dramatics 4.

BOYCE WINFORD MEECE

"Pretty Boy"

"Go forth and meet the shadowy future without fear and with a manly heart."

FFA 1, 2, 3; Most Attractive, Most Dignified 4; Dramatics 4.

MARY JANE MOORHEAD

"Janie"

"Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eyes, in every gesture dignity and love."

FHA 1, 2; Skylark Staff- Editor 4; Highlight 3; French Club 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Softball 2, 3, 4; Class Pres. 1; Banquet Committee 3; Waitress 2; Marshal 3; Square Dance Team 3, 4; Talent Show Winner 2; Fair Committee 4; Most Dignified, Cutest Couple 4; Dramatics Club 4.

RALPH EDWARD PRESLEY

"Did nothing in particular and did it very well."

FFA 1, 2, 3, Sentinel 4; Glee Club 4; Vice Pres. 3; Neatest 4; Dramatics Club 4.

WILLIAM ROBERT PRESLEY

"Bill"

"He makes the most of all that eomes and the least of all that goes."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Highlight Staff Typist 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Student Patrol 3; Bus Driver 3, 4; Banquet Committee 3; Treas. 3; Best All-Round 4; Dramatics 4.

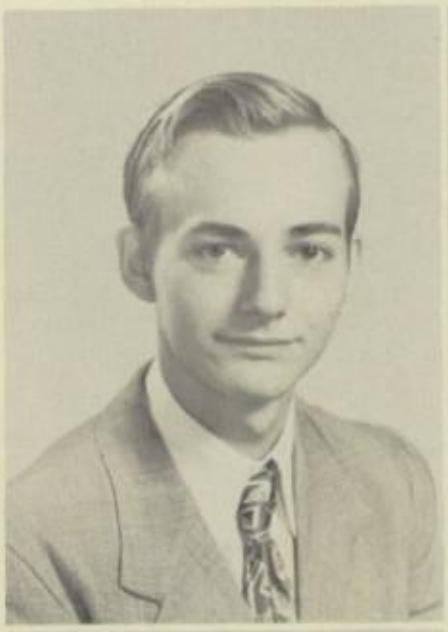
GLADYS ADA RAY

"Glad"

"A rare compound of oddity, frolic, and fun--her very own being."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Fair Committee 4; Neatest 4; Dramatics Club 4.

ALMA MARGUERITE THAIN
"Margie"
"Her voice was ever soft, gentle, and low--
an excellent thing in a woman."
FHA 1, 2, 3; Skylark Staff 4, Associate Editor 3; Highlight Staff- Grammar Grade News 3, Feature Editor 4; French Club 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Softball 2, 3, 4; Class Officer- Pres. 2; Student Patrol 3; Banquet Committee 3; Waitress 2; Marshal 3; Talent Show 2; Nat'l. Youth Counsel 3; Fair Committee 4; History Debate 3; Most Courteous, Best Personality 4; Dramatics 4.



MAX EDGAR SMITH
"With ropes of the past, he rings the bells
of the future."
FFA 1,2; Glee Club 4; Class Sec'y. 4; Most Studious, Most Courteous 4; Dramatics Club 4.

ESTHER ADELAIDE SOUTHER
"Souther"
"Grand and peculiar-- wrapped in the solitude
of her own originality."
FHA 1, 2; Shorthand Club 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Patrol 1, 4- Program Chairman; Banquet Waitress 2; Fair Marshal 1; Most Original 4; Dramatics 4.

FRANCES JOYCE WILKIE
"That which is striking and beautiful is not always good, but that which is good is always
beautiful."
Highlight Staff- Senior Reporter 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Patrol 3, 4; Banquet Waitress 2; Fair Marshall 2, 3, 4; Most Bashful 4; Dramatics 4.

PATSY RUTH WILLIAMS
"Pat"
"Whatever she did was done with such ease;
in her alone 'Twas natural to please."
FHA 1,2; Highlight Staff-Ed. 4; Asso. Ed. 3, Reporter 1,2; Shorthand Club Sec-Treas.4; French Club Sec-Treas. 3; Glee Club 1,2,4; Student Patrol 3; Red Cross Rep. 1; Banquet Committee 3; Marshal 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Family Life Council 1; Nat'l. Youth Council 3; Editor's Roundtable 4; Art 3; History Debate 3; Fair Committee 4; Most Popular 4; Dramatics Club 4.

ESTIE WORLEY
"Estellena"
"Her face betokens all things dear and good."
Shorthand Club 4; Student Patrol 3,4; Most Helpful 4; Dramatics Club 4.

ORVES FINLEY YOUNG, JR.
"Moley"
"He took life as he found it but did not leave
it so."
FFA 1, 2; Skylark Staff 4- Asso. Adv. Manager; Latin Club 4- Pres.; Highlight Staff- Sports Ed. 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3- All Tourney 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Banquet Committee 3, Speaker 3; Marshal- Chief 3; Square Dance Team 3; Most Original, Most Athletic 4; Dramatics 4.

Superlatives

MOST ATTRACTIVE
Mary Anne Elingburg
Boyce Meece

BEST SPORT
Truette Gasperson
Jack Creasman

BEST ALL-ROUND
Lois Lefler
William Presley

FRIENDLIEST
Kaye Gasperson
Charles Bowles

Superlatives

CUTEST COUPLE
Mary Jane Moorhead
Bill Corn

MOST ORIGINAL
Adelaide Souther
Orves Young

MOST STUDIOUS
Betty Lou Lance
Max Smith

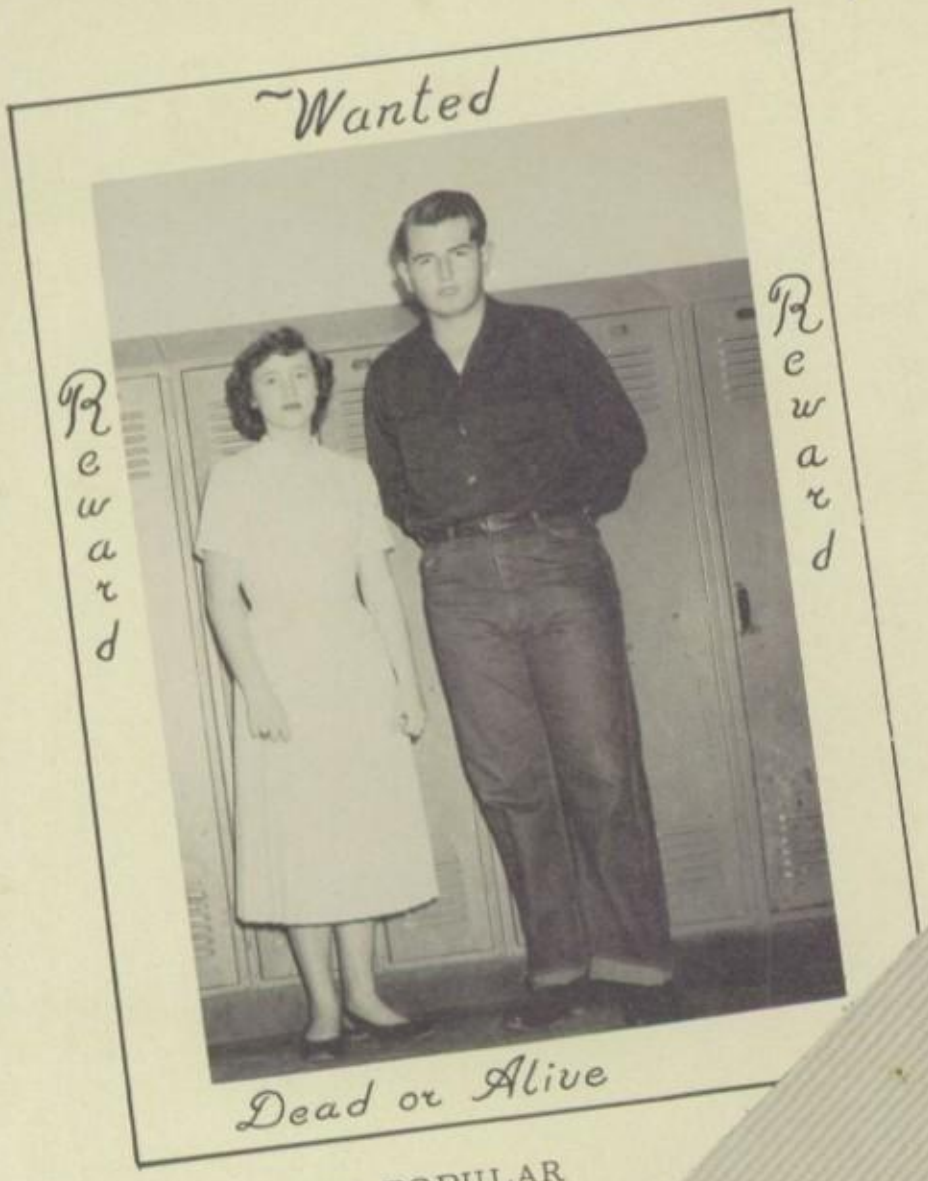
Superlatives

WITTIEST
Sibyl Ledbetter
Vance Hawes

MOST ATHLETIC
Billie Sue Hollifield
Orves Young

NEATEST
Gladys Ray
Ralph Presley

Superlatives



MOST POPULAR
Patsy Williams
Clark Brown

BEST PERSONALITY
Marguerite Thain
Charles Bowles

MOST DEPENDABLE
Arville Bishop
Bill Corn

Superlatives

MOST VERSATILE
Christine McDonald
Herman Israel

MOST HELPFUL
Estie Worley
Jack Creasman

BEST CITIZENS
Marguerite Thain
Orves Young

MOST BASHFUL
Joyce Wilkie
Kenneth McBee

Superlatives

MOST DIGNIFIED

Mary Jane Moorhead
Boyce Meece

MOST TALKATIVE
Sibyl Ledbetter
Charles Bowles

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Lois Lefler
Clark Brown

MOST COURTEOUS
Marguerite Thain
Max Smith

JUNIORS

MARY EVELYN ALLEN
KENNETH BAGWELL
PAULINE BALDWIN

GENELL BALDWIN
LEONA BANKS
BEATRICE BOSTIC

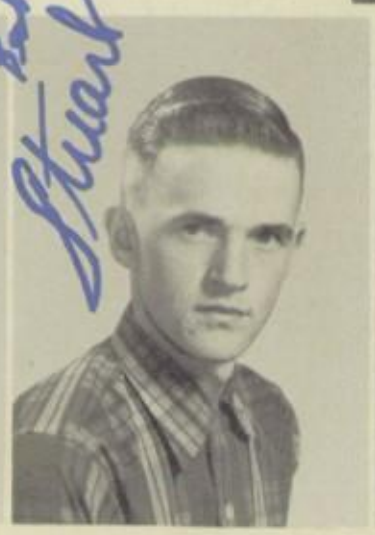
LEE BOYD
SHIRLEY BRACKETT
JACKIE BROWN

MARY JO BUTLER
FRANK CORDELL
ROY CORNWELL

EDWARD DUCKER
LYNN EMORY
RAY GASPERSON

JUNIORS

BILLIE JO GLENN
JOHNNIE GRAHAM
DAVID HARDIE



SCOTT HARMON
STUART HART
ANNE HAWES

ROBERT HERZBERG
HAROLD HOLBERT
PAULINE KING

DICKIE JOHNSON
SAMMY JONES
RICHARD LEDBETTER

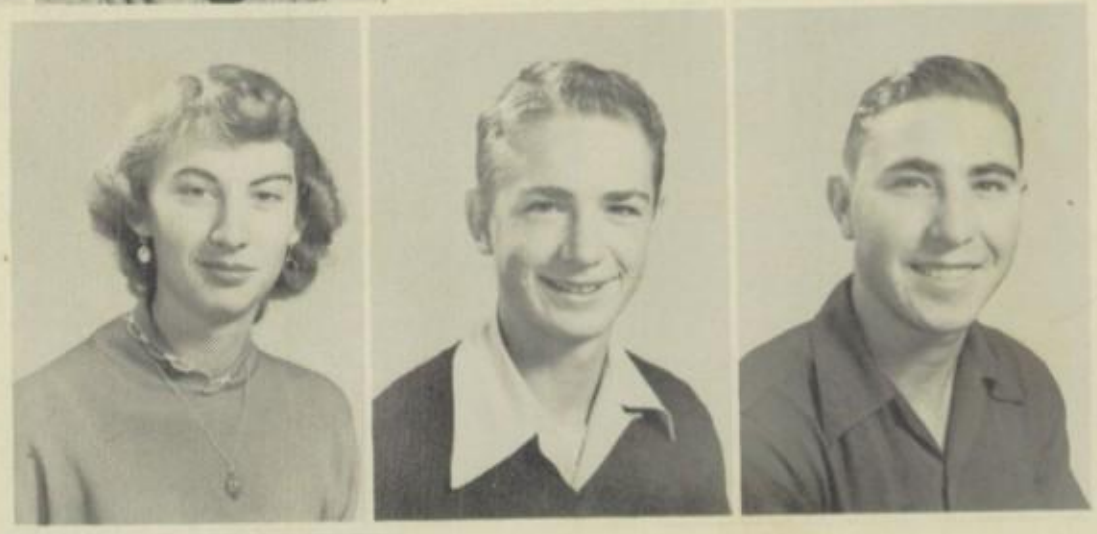
ELOISE McBEE
SHIRLEY McDONALD
NANCY MESSER

JUNIORS

KENNETH METCALF
MAXINE METCALF
EDDIE MURRAY

ROSEMARY PECK
JIMMY SEARCY
BENNY SHIPMAN

LOUISE TANDY
SALLY TANDY
ELENORA TATE



GUDRUN UNGER
JOE WARD
CHARLES WELLS

BILL WILKIE
CATHERINE WOODS
ALLEN YOUNG

SOPHOMORES

Kenneth Anderson
Robert Ball
Betty Bagwell
Helen Blankenship
Vickey Blythe
Wilma Brown

Edith Buckner
Peggy Ann Carroll
Tommy Ann Clontz
Shannon Cochrane
Joan Conner
Vernon Cordell

Ann Creasman
Joan DuBose
Gene Ducker
G. B. Gasperson
Gail Haney
Pat Hardie

Herman Hare
Frank Harmon
Cordelia Higgins
Betty Lou Hollifield
Roy Israel
Franklin Jones

Yvonne Kale
Boyce Kanupp
Ethel Kyle
Elaine Lance
Betty Ledbetter
Clark Lisenbee

Pat McCrary
Phyllis McGee
Calvin Metcalf
Leon Metcalf
Norma Middleton
Obie Moore

Carl Penland
Charles Perry
Beverly Price
Lloyd Reid
George Shipman
Jack Stepp

Ola Thain
Elizabeth Tomberlin
Maxine Treadway
Roger Waddell
Ann Wier
Lucille Whiteside
Mary D. Wright

FRESHMEN

Dallas Bishop
Jean Bridges
Sarah Brown
Billie Sue Butler
Kathleen Caldwell
Pat Campbell
Charlie Carland
Janet Cauble
Faith Christopher
Lane Coggins
Nina Sue Cornwell
Billy Creasman
James Dill
Charles Ducker
David Ducker
Anita Mae Dumas
Ray Elingburg
Deborah Finch
Betty Jo Gasperson
Cecily Gasperson
Gale Gasperson
Mazie Gordon
Barbara Greene
Steve Greene
Robbie Lee Hare
Helen Hart
Robbie Hudson
Bonnie Jenkins
Eugene King
George Lance
Donna Ann Ledbetter
David Mallory
Betty McDonald
Billy McGuire
Betty Jo McMinn
Jimmy Merrimon
Judy Messer
Carolene Metcalf
Patricia Metcalf
Barbara Mitton
Billy Moore
Gerald Moore
Jo Anne Murray
Kenneth Pack
Sarah Lou Penix
Billy Pinner
Martha Pittillo
Howard Ray
Louise Ray
Kenneth Redmon
Nancy Roberts
Virginia Shell
Joyce Shipman
Margie Spillman
Carole Spooner
Mary Jo Treadway
Barbara Vick
Kay Ward
Steve West
Wallace Whiteside
Patsy Williams
Peggy Williams
Ruby Wooten
Betty Young

Message To Seniors

To the seniors of Valley Springs High School of 1954, the faculty wish to express their sincere appreciation for the opportunity of being a part of your education during the past years. We have observed with much anticipation your development and growth in the intellectual, social, physical, and moral fields. Your attainments have caused us to rejoice with you, while your failures have brought us disappointment.

As you step from the protection of your formal public school education into a broader educational field, be it college, or industry, you will find yourself daily taking on more responsibility. Decisions that were once made for you, you will now make for yourself.

Through the efforts of this school, we hope that your mind has been trained to solve these problems in the way most effective for the good of your fellowman. Through the training in your home, we hope that you have received an appreciation for the "American home" way of life that will permeate even your business transactions. Through the training in your church, we hope that you have gained the stamina to carry out your moral convictions. With these as a part of your background, we present you to a perplexed world with a great deal of optimistic confidence in your ability to find happiness.

As you leave our school campus to find your places among the occupations of man, we hope that you learn well from the "school of life" the following lessons of happiness: contentment, patience, honesty, service to others, initiative, hope, and optimism. Valley Springs High School shall follow you with faith!

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

FIRST ROW - L. TO R.

Mrs. Beck	8th
Miss Bruce	1st
Miss Gibson	6th
Mrs. Jump	4th
Mrs. Brookshire	1st
Mrs. Alexander	7th
Mr. Ensley	principal

SECOND ROW - L. TO R.

Mrs. Lee	6th
Mrs. Darsie	2nd
Mrs. Carter	4th
Mrs. Eichholtz	8th
Mrs. Lance	1st

THIRD ROW - L. TO R.

Miss Fullam	5th
Mrs. Ledbetter	7th
Mrs. Johnston	5th
Mrs. Ponder	1st
Mrs. Parker	3rd
Miss Pittillo	3rd
Mrs. Sparks	3rd & 4th

FOURTH ROW - L. TO R.

Mr. Tucker	7th & 8th
Mrs. Kane	2nd
Mrs. Nesbitt	2nd
Mrs. Cochrane	4th & 5th
Mr. Huff	Music

STUDENT PATROL

KNEELING - L. TO R.
Kay Ward
Jean Bridges
Jo Anne Murray
Nancy Messer
Elaine Lance
Elizabeth Tomberlin
Helen Blankenship
STANDING - 1ST ROW
Ann Creasman
Sibyl Ledbetter
Robbie Lee Hare
Pat Campbell
Gail Haney
Betty Lou Ledbetter
Edith Buckner
STANDING 2ND ROW
Joyce Wilkie
Kaye Gasperson
Adelaide Souther
Billie Sue Hollifield
Mr. Tucker
THIRD ROW
George Lance
Gene Ducker
Carl Penland
Jimmy Searcy

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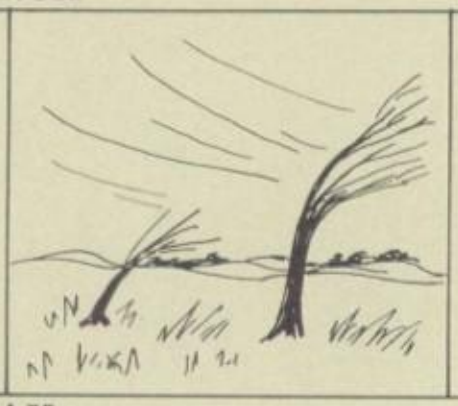
SNAPSHOTS

CALENDAR FOR 1953-54

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
		Halloween	
NOVEMBER		**DECEMBER**	
		First Ball Game	
JANUARY		**FEBRUARY**	
New Year 1954			Happy Birthday Lincoln-Washington
MARCH		**APRIL**	
		Senior - Play	
MAY		**JUNE**	
Junior - Senior Banquet			

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the senior class of 1954 being of no-mind at all and effervescent memory, do hereby declare this our last will and testament and leave to the following these items of value.

GRANTS TO PARTY OF FIRST PART:

To Mr. Ensley we leave our gratitude for making our last year the best one ever.

To Mrs. Gohrman we leave a cabinet of snacks to munch on in those long periods before and after lunch.

To Mrs. Dunn we leave a private secretary all of her own so that she might be able to get papers back on time.

To Mrs. Martin and Mr. Nesbitt we leave the permission for exchanging the Home Economics and Agriculture classes, including the teachers, for a six-week period.

To Miss Williams we leave a portable mirror with no explanation as when to use it.

To Mrs. Rea Lee Baldwin we leave a brand new "88 Olds" so that she may go still faster.

To Mr. Pomberlin we will a Baby Ben alarm clock to enable him to get to the games on time.

To Mr. Sizemore we leave a free lunch period so that he may go home to see his "pride and joy, Kathie."

To Mrs. Louise Baldwin we leave our thanks for helping us get out the "best" school paper on time.

BEQUESTS TO PARTY OF SECOND PART:

I, Arville Bishop, do hereby leave my perfect figure to Scott Harmon and Ed Ducker.

I, Charles Bowles, grant my nickname of "Chief Gray-Hair Maker" and my ability for general noise making to Bill Wilkie and Beatrice Bostic in the hopes they will use it to plague Mrs. Dunn.

I, Clarl Brown, leave my "vigoro" and the nickname of "Big 'Un" to Dickie Johnson and Bunny Shipman.

I, Bill Corn, grant my ability to hold a steady girl and own a car that will run to Allen Young and Jackie Brown.

I, Jack Creasman, will my bus, number 33, to David Hardie to haul all his chums around in.

I, Mary Anne Elingburg, will to Richard Ledbetter and Harold Holbert my wide-eyed innocent look for use in study hall.

I, Kaye Gasperson, bequeath to Eddie Murray and Robert Herzberg absolutely nothing because I'm an old meanie and want it all for myself.

I, Truette Gasperson, leave my trusty bottle of peroxide to Rosemary Peck and Shirley McDonald.

I, Vance Hawes, will my famous crew cut and slow ways to Roy Cornwell and Pat McCrary.

I, Billie Sue Hollifield, will my age-old "no. 14" basketball suit and the desire to win the tournament to Catherine Woods and Leona Banks.

I, Herman Israel, bequeath to Pauline Baldwin and Maxine Metcalf all of my good and hard times at Valley Springs.

I, Betty Lou Lance, leave my quiet and unassuming ways to Nancy Messer.

I, Sibyl Ledbetter, will my title of "Most Talkative" to Sally Tandy.

I, Lois Lefler, leave my "pony tail" to Charles Wells.

I, Kenneth McBee, bequeath my bashful manner to Ann Hawes and Billie Jo Glenn.

I, Christine McDonald, leave my ability to get engaged so often to Sammy Jones.

I, Boyce Meece, will my curly black hair to Lee Boyd in hopes he will use it to get the girls, as I did.

I, Mary Jane Moorhead, leave my "Yankee ways" to Frank Harmon and Pauline King.

I, Ralph Presley, give my illusion that I'm a "Romeo" to Kenneth Metcalf.

I, Bill Presley, bequeath my loud, perfected sneeze to Frank Cordell and Mary Lynn Emory.

I, Gladys Ray, will my ability to shake up the best milk shakes to Eloise McBee and Mary Evelyn Allen.

I, Max Smith, leave my fearlessness of girls to Johnny Graham and Jimmy Searcy.

I, Adelaide Souther, leave my fascination for the male to Shirley Brackett.

I, Marguerite Thain, bequeath to Joe Ward my perpetual giggle.

I, Joyce Wilkie, will "Ten Easy Lessons On How To Lose A Drawl," to Mary Jo Butler and Carol Baldwin.

I, Patsy Williams, do hereby leave my ability to take tests without studying to Elenora Tate and Ray Gasperson.

I, Estie Worley, leave to Gudrun Unger and Kenneth Bagwell my most treasured volume, "Adventures in English Literature."

I, Orves Young, bequeath my number one position on the ball team to Stuart Hart and Louise Berry.

SIGNED, SEALED, PUBLISHED, AND DECLARED by the above-named class of 1954 as and for its last will and testament.

CLASS PROPHECY

Scene ——— Studio A of Station VSHS, New York, N. Y.
Time ——— 1965, also time to go on the air.
Character— One slightly tired news announcer.

The following program was transcribed at Station VSHS, New York, N. Y. Eastern Standard Time, 8:00 p. m.

Good evening everyone. This is five minutes of the latest news brought to you by the Short Snap and Frazzled Wheat Amalgamated Corporation. This news is from the wires of the Associated Press. Hang the commercial, on with the news!

New York, N. Y. — Bill Corn has just arrived from the Union of South Africa. He has just finished another one of his large game hunts after baggin the only earless elephant in existance. He plans to take this prized possession to Professor William Presley at the University of Busbee. He hopes that Professor Presley can brief him on the many advantages of an earless elephant.

New Orleans, La.— The greatest jackpot ever to be offered on a quiz program has just been won by Charles Bowles. The master of ceremonies presented Mr. Bowles the prize of $9,999,999.99. When asked to make a statement about his good fortune, Mr. Bowles said, "If I had taken Mrs. Gahrman's advice in English and kept my mouth shut, I would never have been famous."

Los Angeles, Calif.— Boyce Meece has announced the opening of his fashionable night club, Meece's Merry Madhouse. He said that only members of the great Valley Springs basketball teams would be served there. The main attraction in the floor show is Miss Truette Gasperson and her fabulous dance, the Hoe-Handle Hop. She is trying to have this dance improved by the invention of a special pair of shoes to make her steps more graceful.

Oak Ridge, Tenn.— Scientists, Betty Lance and Max Smith have just been put under special investigation by the F.B.I. for selling the new improved atomized spot remover to Lower Slobbovia. Herman Israel, successor to J. Edgar Hoover, and his private secretary, Estie Worley, have flown to Lower Slobbovia to investigate.

Asheville, N. C.— Lois Lefler and Sibyl Ledbetter have just opened an exclusive beauty parlor on Lexington Avenue. Eleanor Roosevelt, who was voted one of the world's most beautiful women recommends this shop highly with the words, "Look what it did for me." The motto of this "joint" is "We need your face to 'ruin' our business."

London, Eng.— Adelaide Souther and Billie Sue Hollifield, star players for the world's greatest professional girls' basketball team, have just arrived here to enter the Olympics. They plan to swim the English Channel to get in good shape for the event.

Houston, Texas— Vance Hawes and Kaye Gasperson, who married in 1958, have opened a dude ranch here consisting of 700 acres. They have five kids and 5000 head of cattle. It is a favorite vacation spot for Governor of California, Kenneth McBee.

St. Louis, Mo.— Joyce Wilkie has just won a talent contest by singing the St. Louis Blues. Arthur Godfrey signed a contract for her to appear on his shows for the next fifty years if she can still yodel.

Asheville, N. C.— Marguerite Thain has just been appointed head of St. Joseph's Hospital. Dr. Thain gained world recognition by performing the major operation of removing puscles from the white corpuscles.

Raleigh, N. C.— Judge Jack Creasman recently sentenced two boys, ages 8 and 12, to life in the state penitentiary for shooting dice on the sidewalk. Because of his brilliance in handling trials, he is being considered for the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

New York, N. Y.— Wealthy socialite, Christine McDonald, just contributed $6,000 to her favorite charity, collecting cigarette butts for needy tramps. A reporter from the Times plans to photograph and interview Madame McDonald in the near future.

Hollywood, Calif.— New starlet, Miss Gladys Ray, has recently signed a two year contract with Warner Brothers. She will make her screen debut in Alfred Hitchcock's fabulous production, "She Popped Her Pistol."

Detroit, Mich.— Mary Anne Elingburg has just purchased one of the biggest industrial plants in this city which manufactures automobiles and trucks. She plans to convert this plant to one which makes boggy-woggy cardboard.

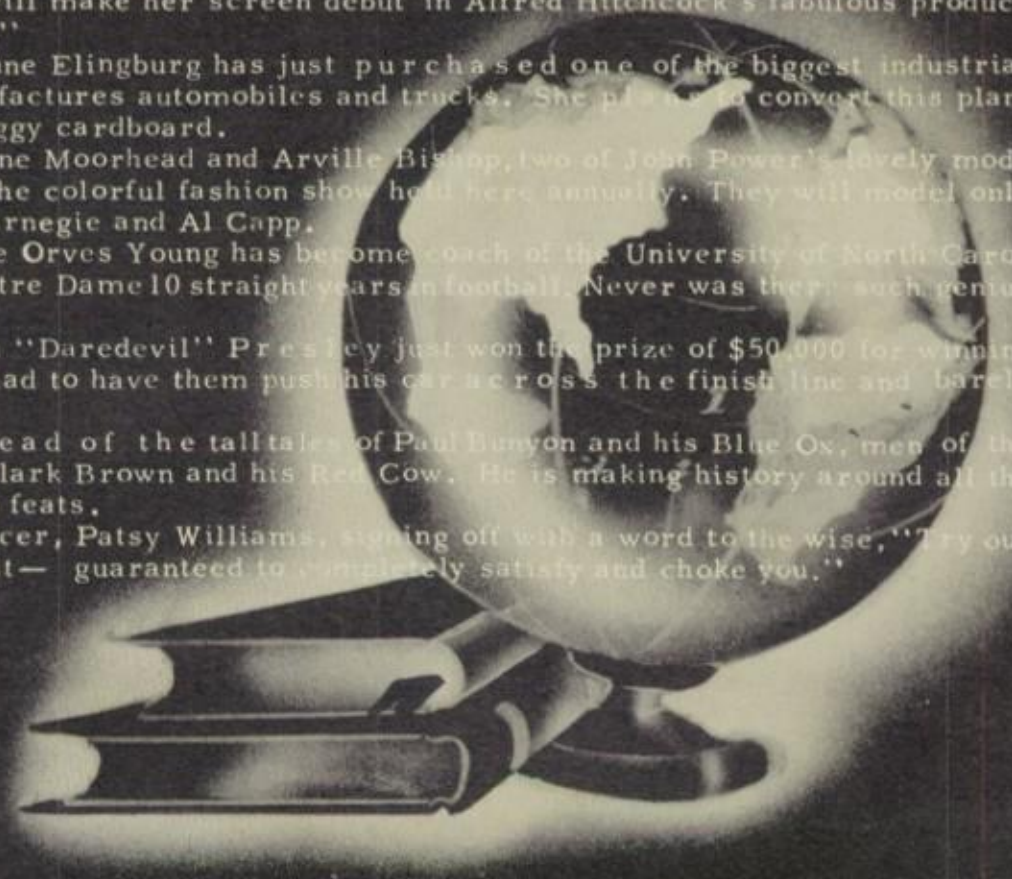
Paris, France— Mary Jane Moorhead and Arville Bishop, two of John Power's lovely models, have arrived to enter in the colorful fashion show held here annually. They will model only dresses designed by Hattie Carnegie and Al Capp.

Chapel Hill, N. C.— Since Orves Young has become coach of the University of North Carolina, Carolina has defeated Notre Dame 10 straight years in football. Never was there such genius in coaching a football team!!

Indianapolis, Ind.— Ralph "Daredevil" Presley just won the prize of $50,000 for winning the stock car race here. He had to have them push his car across the finish line and barely made it.

Portland, Oregon— Instead of the tall tales of Paul Bunyon and his Blue Ox, men of the north country now talk of Clark Brown and his Red Cow. He is making history around all the lumber camps with his daring feats.

This is your news announcer, Patsy Williams, signing off with a word to the wise, "Try our Short Snap and Frazzled Wheat— guaranteed to completely satisfy and choke you."



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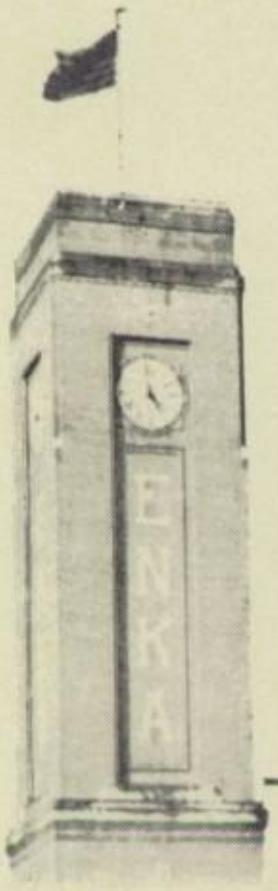

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Also we would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hal Weir for all they have done for us as persons, for our school, and for our community. We are indebted to them for their kindness to everyone and their pleasant characters. Thanks for everything, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Weir!

AUTOGRAPHS

Debbie, you are a lot of fun; and a real sweet gal. Be good & see you.

Love
Judy

Debbie,
I wish you all the happiness that you can have. Remember it can be.
Love
Sue

Debbie,
May you always have love & happiness and everything just of life that is good
Love & Best Wishes
Nancy

Best of Luck to very sweet gal!
Love,
Kay

Debbie,
I have enjoyed knowing you and am very pleased to have you as a classmate. I hope you get the most out of life that can be had.

your Pal,
Betty M.

Best of Luck to a cute gal!
Love
Gina

Debbie, have had a swell time this year with you. I hope you get your wish. Good Luck!
Kate

May good luck follow you always
Billy

wishing you a succesful and happy life.
always
Patsy W.

Debbie,
I want to wish you all the happiness in the world!
Love,
Carole

Debbie,
Best of luck to a nice girl (naughty) pal.
Love
Betty
M.D.

I have enjoyed going to school with you. We have had a lot of fun in Home Ec.
Love,
Va.

K. Deborah Finch